Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Henry Adema and Hilda Hento exchanged their wedding vows in a double wedding ceremony with Hilda's sister, Marie Hento and Henry Biesma on February 21, 1935, on the farm of Hilda and Marie's parents, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Henry and Hilda gave life and love to seven children, Wilbur, Harold, James, Melvin, Donald, Joyce, and Joann, who went on to procreate 24 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 69 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Henry and Hilda still live in their own home at Springfield, South Dakota, and enjoy reading, visiting with family and friends, attending church, and babysitting; and,

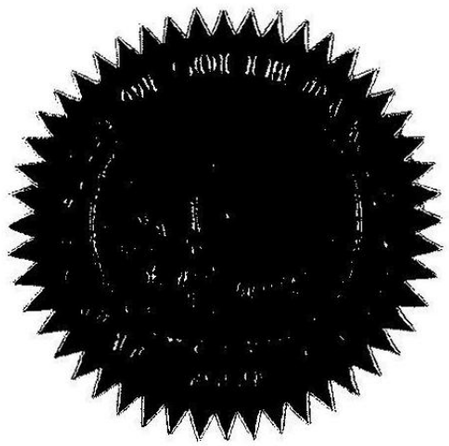
Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Henry and Hilda have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Henry and Hilda will celebrate their 69th Wedding Anniversary at the Dakota Senior Center at Springfield on Friday, February 20, 2004, and it is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2004, as

HENRY AND HILDA ADEMA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State